

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A mail piece weighing scale apparatus comprising:

a scale transport assembly for transporting mail pieces seriatim;

a load cell assembly for measuring said mail pieces one at a time as said mail pieces are transported by said scale transport assembly; and

~~a channel pathway assembly for maintaining a vertical orientation of individual mail pieces on said scale transport assembly~~

an x-y table assembly for making position adjustments to said apparatus.

2. (Original) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising a means for collecting weight data.

3. (Original) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said transport assembly comprises a conveyor belt mechanism.

4. (Original) The mail weighing scale apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said load cell assembly comprises a plurality of load cells.

5. (Original) The mail weighing scale apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said scale transport assembly is detachably supported atop of said load cell assembly.

6. (Currently amended) The mail weighing scale apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 ~~wherein said~~ further comprising a channel pathway assembly comprises having a pair of sidewalls forming a channel pathway on the scale transport assembly.

7. (Original) The mail weighing scale apparatus as claimed in Claim 6 wherein at least one of said pair of sidewalls is hinged to provide access to said channel pathway.

8. (Original) The mail weighing scale apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 further including a base module.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A method of weighing individual mail pieces comprising the steps of:

mounting a scale transport assembly ~~[[top]]~~ on a load cell assembly;

mounting the load cell assembly to an adjustable table assembly;

feeding a series of ~~vertically-oriented~~ mail pieces onto said scale transport assembly;

continuously transporting said mail pieces seriatim through a mail piece channel pathway assembly;

~~sensing the presence of a mail piece in said channel pathway assembly;~~ and

weighing each individual mail piece while said mail piece travels ~~is oriented in a vertical fashion and is continuously traveling~~ through said channel pathway assembly.

11. (New) A mail piece weighing scale apparatus comprising:

a load cell assembly;

a scale transport assembly; and

a support assembly mounted on the load cell assembly, wherein the scale transport assembly removably sits upon the support assembly.

12. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the load cell assembly comprises a first load cell and a second load cell.

13. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 12, wherein the support assembly includes a first adjusting bracket mounted to the first load cell and a second adjusting bracket mounted to the second load cell.

14. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 13, wherein the support assembly further includes at least one adjuster assembly mounted to the first adjusting bracket, and at

least one adjuster assembly mounted to the second adjusting bracket.

15. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the at least one adjuster assembly mounted to the first adjusting bracket includes a magnet.

16. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the at least one adjuster assembly mounted to the first adjusting bracket comprises a first adjuster assembly and a second adjuster assembly.

17. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the first adjuster assembly has a Teflon-ceramic coating.

18. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the second adjuster assembly has a nylon sliding surface.

19. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the scale transport assembly includes a first mounting bracket for resting upon the at least one adjuster assembly mounted to the first adjusting bracket, and a second mounting bracket for resting upon the at least one adjuster assembly mounted to the second adjusting bracket.

20. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the first mounting bracket includes at least one hole

for engaging a pin on the at least one adjuster assembly mounted on the first adjusting bracket.

21. (New) The mail piece weighing scale apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the second mounting bracket includes a groove for engaging a pin on the at least one adjuster assembly mounted on the second adjusting bracket.